EXH ____

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDL. CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
37TH COURT, ESPLANADE, MUMBAI.

C. C. No. 390/PW/2023

CHARGE

I, Vinod R. Patil, Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, 37th Court, Esplanade, Mumbai do hereby charge you:

1. **Ketan Kantilal Seth**
2. **Subodh Bhandari**
3. **Sanjaybhai Hariram Agarwal**
4. **Nandkishor Shankarlal Trivedi**

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as follows :

That you, accused No.1. Ketan Kantilal Seth being Director, accused No.2. Subodh Bhandari, accused No.3 Sanjaybhai Hariram Agarwal being Chairman and Chief Executive, accused No.4. Nandkishor Shankarlal Trivedi being Executive Director of Home Trade Limited along with other absconding accused from 6.12.2001 to 06.08.2002 and 26.03.2002, at Surat Nagrik Sahakari Bank Limited, behind Gitanjali Cinema, Varachha Road, Surat, along with other absconding accused in furtherance of your common intention cheated the informant The Surat Nagrik Sahakari Bank Limited by dishonestly inducing it to deliver an amount of Rs. 16,09,60,500/- (Rupees Sixteen Crore Nine Lakh Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Only) to M/s. Home Trade Limited to purchase government securities and thereby committed an offence punishable under section 420 r/w. 34 of the Indian Penal Code and within my cognizance.

Secondly, that you during the above said period and place along with other absconding accused in furtherance of your common intention forged various documents namely SEBI certificates, government securities contracts, and other related documents purported to be a valuable security and thereby committed an offence punishable under section 467 r/w. 34 of the Indian Penal Code and within my cognizance.

Thirdly, that you during the above said period and place along with other absconding accused in furtherance of your common intention forged various documents, namely SEBI certificates, government securities contracts, and other related documents intending that it shall be used for the purpose of cheating and thereby committed an offence punishable under section 468 r/w. 34 of the Indian Penal Code and within my cognizance.

Fourthly, that you during the above said period and place along with other absconding accused in furtherance of your common intention fraudulently used as genuine various documents namely SEBI certificates, government securities contracts, and other related documents which you knew at the time when used it to be forged documents and thereby committed an offence punishable under section 471 r/w. 34 of the Indian Penal Code and within my cognizance.

Fifthly, that you during the above said period and place along with other absconding accused in furtherance of your common intention abetted the informant in committing an act and you were present at the time the act was committed in pursuance of your abetment and thereby committed an offence punishable under section 114 r/w. 34 of the Indian Penal Code and within my cognizance.

Lastly, that you along with other absconding accused during the above said period and place were party to criminal conspiracy to commit criminal breach of trust, cheating and forgery and thereby committed an offence punishable u/sec. 120-B r/w. 420, 467, 468, 471 of the Indian Penal Code and within my cognizance.

And I hereby direct that you be tried by me on the above said offence.

Dated 21st day of March, 2025.

(Vinod R. Patil),
Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate,
37th Court, Esplanade, Mumbai

The charge is framed, read over and explained to the accused in vernacular language.

(Vinod R. Patil),
Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate,
37th Court, Esplanade, Mumbai

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Judicial Clerk,
Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate,
37th Court, Esplanade, Mumbai.

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